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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD OF INTELLIGENT DATA ANALYSIS TO DETECT ABNORMAL USE OF UTILITIES IN BUILDINGS

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/910,371	SEEM, JOHN E.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jeffrey R. West	2857	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed January 06, 2004.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3 and 5-19.

3. The drawings filed on 20 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

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3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____.	7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
	9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 3, and 5-19 are considered allowable over the cited prior art for the following reasons:

U.S. Patent No. 4,990,893 to Kiluk discloses a method in an alarm system, including recording of energy consumption, such as electricity, gas or water utility consumption (column 3, lines 4-10), by repeatedly measuring a level of use of a utility to produce a plurality of utility measurements (column 2, lines 48-51 and Figure 2). Kiluk then discloses comparing a current measurement to a corresponding reference value at the same point in time. It is then determined whether the current measurement varies compared to the value and, if so determined, the severity of an abnormality in utility consumption is identified (i.e. evaluation of system performance) (column 2, line 57 to column 3, line 3).

Carey et al., "Resistance and Test-Based Outlier Rejection: Effects on Gaussian One- and Two-Sample Inference" teaches a method for outlier detection through the use of the Generalized Extreme Studentized Deviate (GESD) statistical procedure (page 326, column 2). Carey also teaches the definition of the GESD procedure comprising determining how many standard deviations a given outlier is from an average of the samples using the equation $R_1 = \max |X_i - \bar{X}| / s$ where X_i is the amplitude of the i -th outlier, \bar{X} is the average (i.e. mean) value of a plurality of samples, and s is the standard deviation. Carey also teaches determining the critical values using a common student t-distribution equation and determining the

percentile using the equation $p = 1 - [(\alpha / 2) / (n - l)]$ (page 329). Carey also teaches determining an outlier, removing each outlier, and repeating the determining and removing steps until all outliers have been identified and removed (i.e. iterative peeling) (page 321, column 1).

Although the invention of Kiluk teaches many of the features of the claimed invention, Kiluk teaches identifying a data point indicating abnormal usage by employing a threshold, and does not identify the data point as indicating abnormal usage by employing a statistical procedure. Although the invention of Carey teaches many of the features of the claimed invention, Carey teaches an “iterative peeling” method for removing outliers that compares each outlier to a data set that contains outliers, removes the current outlier under analysis, and repeats the process for each outlier, and does not compare each outlier to a robust value determined from a set of non-outliers.

Furthermore, none of the cited prior art teaches, or fairly suggests, in addition to the other claimed limitations for determine abnormal consumption of a utility by a system, employing a statistical procedure to identify a set of outliers, removing the set of outliers to define a set of non-outliers, and evaluating the system in response to the set of outliers and the set of non-outliers comprising determining a severity of abnormal utility usage for each outlier by calculating how far each outlier is from a robust estimate value for utility usage determined from the set of non-outliers.

2. The following references are also cited as being pertinent to the examination of

the application:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0124001 to Chaudhuri et al. teaches a sampling method for aggregation queries including obtaining a plurality of values, identifying outliers in the plurality of values to form an outlier set, aggregating the outlier values, sampling non-outlier values, aggregating the sampled values, and combining the aggregated outlier and sampled values. Chaudhuri, however, does not deal with determining the severity of abnormal utility usage and does not calculate how far each outlier is from a robust estimate value determined from the set of non-outliers.

Sematech, "The Engineers Statistics Internet (ESI) Handbook: Grubbs' Test for Outliers" teaches an outlier detection method but Sematech does not deal with determining the severity of abnormal utility usage and, similar to the invention of Carey, identifies one outlier at a time for removal and therefore teaches away from employing a statistical procedure to identify a set of outliers.

Rosner, "Percentage Points for a Generalized ESD Many-Outlier Procedure" teaches a generalized ESD many-outlier procedure for detecting from 1 to k outliers in a data set but Rosner does not deal with determining the severity of abnormal utility usage and, similar to the invention of Carey, identifies one outlier at a time for removal and therefore teaches away from employing a statistical procedure to identify a set of outliers.

U.S. Patent No. 6,643,629 to Ramaswamy et al. teaches a method for identifying outliers in large data sets for identifying abnormal usage patterns by partitioning data

into sets that contain outliers of interest, but Ramaswamy does not deal with determining the severity of abnormal utility usage, does not employ a statistical procedure to identify and remove a set of outliers to form a set of non-outliers, and does not calculate how far each outlier is from a robust estimate value determined from the set of non-outliers.

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0004726 to Lambrecht teaches a method and system for enhancing the accuracy of measurements of a physical quantity by dividing data into an outlier set and a non-outlier set, but Lambrecht does not deal with determining the severity of abnormal utility usage, does not calculate how far each outlier is from a robust estimate value determined from the set of non-outliers, and, similar to the invention of Kiluk, identifies a set of outliers using a trend line as opposed to employing a statistical procedure.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey R. West whose telephone number is (703)308-1309. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00-4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc S. Hoff can be reached on (703)308-1677. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)308-7382 for regular communications and (703)308-7382 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0956.

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